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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 98
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Exchange Club of McMinnville, Tennessee, on its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, one of the oldest service organizations in America, the National Exchange Club, was founded in 1911 and is headquartered in Toledo, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, composed of business and professional men and women, local Exchange Clubs emphasize youth programs, Americanism, community service and child abuse prevention; and

WHEREAS, the National Exchange Club adopted child abuse prevention as its national project in 1979, shortly thereafter established the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation and since then has established more than 70 child prevention centers across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is indeed very fortunate to have one of the most prominent Exchange Clubs in the world located in McMinnville, Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, chartered on January 19, 1926, the members of the Exchange Club of McMinnville are currently celebrating seventy-five years of admirable service to their community; and

WHEREAS, with 25 charter members, the McMinnville club, sponsored by the Nashville Exchange Club, had as its first president J. P Bostick and as its first secretary Clarence E. Haston; and

WHEREAS, the club's exemplary community service projects include an important Child Abuse Prevention program; the Book of Golden Deeds, a program which annually honors a self-sacrificing person for his or her lifetime of community service; Youth of the Month and Youth of the Year programs which select outstanding youth for special recognition and honor; GIVEAKID AFLAGTOWAVE, a program which presents small personal-size flags to youth on special occasions; and Crime Prevention and Fire Prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the club has for many years been one of the most active in Tennessee and a consistent winner of district and national awards. The Exchange Club of McMinnville has been recognized as the Tennessee District's top club more times than any other group; and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of McMinnville has served expertly as the sponsoring club for the Manchester Exchange Club, the McMinnville Noon Exchange Club, the Lawrenceburg County Exchange Club and the Marshall County Exchange Club; and

WHEREAS, notable past members of the Exchange Club of McMinnville include former State Senator Ernest Crouch, former State Representative Clarence Haston, former State Representative John Jefferson Walker, former State Representative and General Sessions Judge W. G. McDonough and former State Exchange Club President Felix Gipson; and

WHEREAS, the present illustrious members of the Exchange Club of McMinnville include Ken Roberts, Exchange Club National President-Elect and General Sessions Judge Larry Ross; and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of McMinnville will hold a special seventy-fifth anniversary celebration on March 6, 2001; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend this excellent public spirited organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the officers and members of the Exchange Club of McMinnville, Tennessee, on the occasion of the club's seventy-fifth anniversary, reflecting with deep appreciation on their numerous contributions to their community and state. We wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.